

NOTE XXV.

ON STRIX TENEBRICOSE ARFAKI.

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Strix tenebricosa Arfaki.

This bird is, in New-Guinea, the representant of *Strix tenebricosa*, Gould, from South-Eastern Australia. Closely resembling the latter, it differs however by its smaller size, by the white spots of the feathers being larger and more regular orbicular, and by the light sooty brown color of the face strongly inclining to white.

The measures (in French measure) of the principal parts are as follow —

In *Strix tenebricosa* Arfaki: wing 9 inches 1 line; point of wing 1 inch 10 lines; tail 4 inches 4 lines; tarse 30 lines; middle toe (without nail) 18 lines.

In five specimens of *Strix tenebricosa* from Australia: wing $10\frac{1}{3}$ to $11\frac{1}{2}$ inches; point of wing 18 to 27 lines; tail 5 to $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches; tarse 32 lines; middle toe $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 inches.

A single specimen of this conspecies was sent to the Leyden Museum by one of the Dutch Missionaries of Andai. It was killed near Hattam, on the 6th of December 1875.